

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF SB 230

WHEREAS, California's law enforcement is charged with a vital role in protecting our communities and keeping people safe; and

WHEREAS, we expect our law enforcement officers to engage with the public in a safe and respectful manner at all times; and

WHEREAS, peace officers rely on their training to guide interactions with the public and split-second decisions in often tense and life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, California's policies with regard to the use of force need to be updated; and

WHEREAS, California's use of force training policies need to be standardized across all 500 law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, there are evidence-based best practices based on sound research and community input that are proven methods to effectively reduce the use of force; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has established case law and reaffirmed a reasonable and enforceable threshold for the use of force as well as strict and objective criteria upon which to judge use of force interactions; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 surveyed all of the best practices from around the country and incorporated them into one piece of legislation that will modernize and update California's use of force policies, and align the standards with the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 would mandate that all California law enforcement agencies adopt comprehensive training requirements based on best practices; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 would provide California's law enforcement communities with the tools and resources needed to minimize the use of force through rigorous training and education; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 would ensure California's peace officers will be able to continue to serve their communities and keep them safe; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 would establish the most comprehensive use of force policies and guidelines in the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the state's best interest for all California law enforcement officers to undergo the best use of force training possible; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 goes further than any other policy anywhere in the country; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 sets a new national precedent in establishing statewide use of force policy requirements for all departments, and mandates robust training for all California public safety officers on force scenarios, including de-escalation, intervention and medical-aid; and

WHEREAS, SB 230 would tangibly minimize the use of force in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. City Council hereby supports SB 230 and opposes AB 392.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy _____ Date _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Laurie Avedisian-Favini Date
Assistant City Attorney